

Statement from DHSS Secretary on the Pending U.S. Senate Health Care Vote

NEW CASTLE (July 25, 2017) – Department of Health and Social Services Secretary Dr. Kara Odom Walker, a board-certified family physician, released the following statement urging the U.S. Senate not to approve a health care reform bill expected to be voted on today:

“On behalf of the tens of thousands of Delawareans who have gained health coverage through the Affordable Care Act, I urge the U.S. Senate not to support the House version of health care reform. Proposals currently under discussion in the Senate threaten the health and independence of many of the 27,000 people who receive coverage through Delaware’s Health Insurance Marketplace and the 225,000 Delawareans who depend on Medicaid for their health care and supportive services, including seniors in nursing homes, individuals with disabilities, and children and adults in low-income households.

“The bill before the U.S. Senate is the wrong direction for Delaware and it’s the wrong direction for our country. I urge the Congress to seek out bipartisan fixes to the Affordable Care Act that won’t take health insurance and health care away from people in our state and across the country, but will provide more people with choice and options that are affordable.”

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